(d) and (e) The Union Government has approved the proposal of Rs. 106.57 crore towards relief and rehabilitation of the victims of riot-affected persons of Gujarat 2002 payable on the pattern of package allowed in the Sikh riots of 1984. The details of the package include:—

(i) In case of death, an *ex-gratia* assistance of Rs. 3.5 lakh would be paid in addition to the assistance already given by the State Government.

(ii) In case of injury, an *ex-gratia* assistance of Rs. 1.25 lakh would be paid minus the assistance given by the State Government.

(iii) For damage of residential property and uninsured commercial/ industrial property, an *ex-gratia* of 10 times the amount given by the State Government less amount already paid.

A Committee has been set up to formulate the modalities for speedy and efficient implementation of the package.

**Decision of government to withdraw troops from J and K**

3717. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to withdraw troops from certain parts of Jammu and Kashmir, under certain pressure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Defence and some other Ministries have put up their opposition to withdraw troops from Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Security situation in Jammu & Kashmir is kept under continuous review, and security forces are deployed in different parts of the State for different duties such as border guarding, prevention of infiltration, counter insurgency and area domination, guarding of vital sensitive installations and persons under threat/risk, provision of general security in vulnerable areas, etc. The deployment of the forces depends upon the

requirements and is periodically reviewed by the State and Central Governments, and the security agencies. The approach of the Government is to ensure that the deployment of security forces is related to the scale of problems and requirements on the ground.

**Reduction of Para-military forces in J and K valley**

†3718. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to curtail the deployment of para-military forces in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of terrorist attacks during last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There have been demands and reports from various sources, from time to time, about reduction of the level of security force deployment in view of the overall improvement in the security environment. The approach of the Government is to ensure that the deployment of security forces is related to the scale of problems and requirements on the ground. In this context, it has been decided to constitute a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Defence Secretary to examine the overall situation and security forces deployment in the light of the approach of the Government as stated above and to determine whether there is need to relocate and reconfigure the existing security forces deployment.

(c) 576 incidents of terrorist attacks took place during October, 2006 to March, 2007.

**Citizenship to residents of Pakistani origin settled in Kerala**

3719. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are residents with Pakistan Origin/Citizenship who settled in Kerala;

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